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In re Application of Lisa E. Myers et al.

Serial No. 09/142,628 : WITHDRAWAL OF ABANDONMENT

Filed: June 10, 1999 :

Attorney Docket No.: 1038-833 MIS:sd

This is in response to applicants' petition under 37 CFR 1.181, filed November 30, 2001, requesting withdrawal of the holding of abandonment based on the filing of a timely response to the Office action mailed March 28, 2001.

A review of the file history shows that the examiner mailed an Office action (restriction requirement) to applicant on March 28, 2001, setting a one month shortened statutory time period for reply. On November 7, 2001, the examiner mailed a Notice of Abandonment to applicant indicating no response to the Office action had been received.

Applicant states that a reply to the Office action was filed on April 26, 2001, as evidenced by the date stamped return receipt postcard. Applicant provides a copy of the submitted reply with the petition. In view of this evidence, applicant is considered to have submitted a timely reply.

Applicant's petition is **GRANTED**.

The application is restored to pending status with the mailing of this decision and will be forwarded to the examiner for further consideration.

Should there be any questions with regard to this letter please contact Bruce Campell by letter addressed to the Director, Technology Center 1600, Washington, DC 20231, or by telephone at (703) 308-4205 or by facsimile transmission at (703) 746-5006.

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